

REMARKS

Claims 3 and 5-11 are pending in the application.

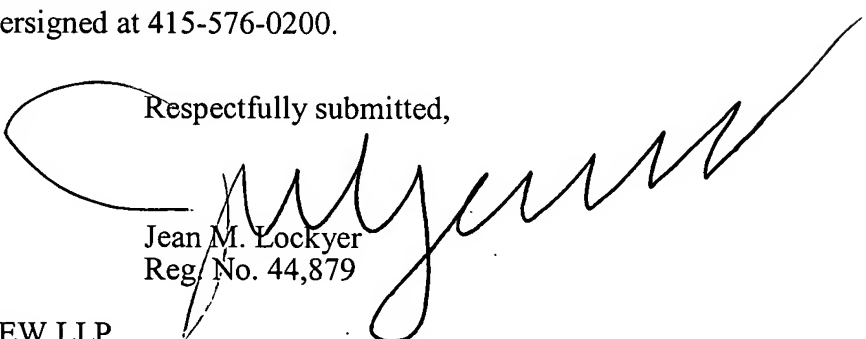
With entry of the instant amendment, claim 3 had been amended to replace the reference to the sequence in Figure 3 with the sequence identifier for the sequence, *i.e.*, SEQ ID NO:4. This amendment adds no new matter.

This amendment obviates the objection to the claims. Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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